

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. Bernau and Eberswalde 25X1EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 19 August 1955 25X1REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1REMARKS 25X1This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. Between 24 and 31 July 1955, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau was occupied by some 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia; black epaulets, and blue-bordered black epaulets. The engineer unit was at the installation during the period under review. Heavy weapons observed included 9 tanks, presumably T-34/85s and 2 x 122-mm field howitzers. Columns of 30₁ to 50 soldiers left for training at the Schoenow post training area. 25X1
2. After 30 July, the former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau was occupied almost to capacity. More than 30 field howitzers were seen in the installation. The sheds for the 100-mm AT guns and tractors were also occupied to capacity. AT guns of 85 and 57 mm were also seen. The rocket launchers were still stationed at the installation.²
3. Between 24 and 31 July, the SS Brieftaubenstation (home pigeon station) (4243) in Bernau was occupied by only about 60 soldiers.³ Four 37-mm AA guns were seen in the settlement in the quartering area.
4. On 28 July, intensive combat activity was observed at the Schoenow post training grounds. Firing, presumably with target practice, was heard from all directions. At 2200, 19 T-34/85 tanks left toward Schwanebeck.⁴
5. Between 27 and 29 July, former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau was again occupied to capacity by approximately 3,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor-transport insignia. Some 350 trucks were parked in front of the vehicle sheds in the south section of the installation. Approximately 22 field howitzers were also observed there. On 29 July, some 50 half-tracks were observed for the first time. They had a running gear of armored half-track personnel carriers. The rocket launchers which had been parked in the installation, were not observed on that day. A group of some 20 soldiers received instruction on 2 mine detectors.² 25X1
6. Between 30 July and 3 August, Soviet units with tanks and rocket launchers held an exercise in the wooded area between Ahrensfelde and Blumberg, about 8 km. southeast of Bernau. T-34 tanks and larger tanks, the guns of which had muzzle brakes, and 2 different types of rocket launchers including 25X1

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M-13s were observed. The units came from the former Army Clothing Depot and the Flieger Kaserne on the road to Wandlitz (Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241)) in Bernau and from Wuhlheide. In the evening of 30 July, the tanks arrived in Ahrensfelde and crossed the cemetery.⁵

7. At 0900 on 3 August, a troop train of about 4 boxcars and 20 to 40 flatcars with approximately 10 armored personnel carriers (?), approximately 10 trucks, and 10 to 20 guns of 2 different calibers between 70 and 130 mm. was seen at the Eberswalde railroad station headed toward Berlin.⁶
8. At 1400 on 4 August, 10 trucks and approximately 120 soldiers with steel helmets were entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station.⁷
9. On 30 July, large assemblies of Soviet tanks, AT guns, artillery, and some 160 trucks were observed in the woods of Pechteich, west of Finowfurth. Between 1930 and 2130, some 160 trucks, 15 x 85-mm AT guns, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, and 30 armored personnel carriers passed through Finowfurth en route from the direction of the autobahn toward Eberswalde. The column included an estimated 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets.⁸
10. At 0830 on 18 July, a troop train passed through the Eberswalde railroad station, presumably en route from the direction of Angermuende toward Freienwalde. The train carried 23 T-34 tanks, a tank without turret, and approximately 20 soldiers.⁹

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The units, which are believed to be stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau, were apparently at the installation during the period under review. Training was conducted near the post.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. After the return [REDACTED] from the Jueterbog training grounds on 23 July, former Army Clothing Depot [REDACTED] was again occupied to capacity. [REDACTED]. The rocket launchers, which could not be observed in the installation on 20 July, had probably left for the exercise in the area southeast of the post. [REDACTED]. The instruction on mine detectors was probably held within the framework of engineer training of troops; it does not indicate the presence in the installation of an engineer unit.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The departure and loading of the bulk of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. on 5 July was previously reported.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The 6th Gds Mecz Div, which had remained at the post, conducted training at the post training grounds and near the post. [REDACTED]. The observations which were made at the Schoenow post training grounds on 28 July, may have been connected with the exercise between 30 July and 3 August mentioned in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] option may be supported by the departure of the 19 tanks [REDACTED] easterly direction (Schwanseeck).

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. The exercise presumably involved the following units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div:

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elements of the 35th Gds Mecz Regt from Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau, 25X1
and of the 68th Gds Tank Regt from Berlin - Biesdorf, Wuhlheide; and 25X1
the 52d Gds RL Bn from Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau.

6. [redacted] Comment. The shipment cannot be explained. It may have been 25X1
connected with the loading on 4 August. [redacted] 25X1

7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a troop train was loaded 25X1
in Eberswalde and went to Wuensdorf on 4 August. [redacted] 25X1

8. [redacted] Comment. This was an exercise of the reinforced mechanized regiment 25X1
of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. in Eberswalde from 27 to 30 July. [redacted] 25X1

8. [redacted] Comment. The return of the armored elements to the Bad Freienwalde 25X1
post was previously reported. [redacted] 25X1

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